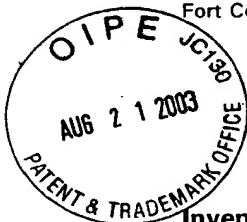


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REMARKS

No amendments have been made. Claim 1 remains in the application.

Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

In paper 8, paragraph 2, claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 1 in the present application is original claim 5 in the parent application and has never been amended. The claims are part of the specification, and original claims constitute their own description. The claim is self explanatory. See MPEP 2163, section 1, and in particular the discussion of *In re Koller*, 613 F.2d 819, 204 USPQ 702 (CCPA 1980) and *In re Gardner*, 475 F.2d 1389, 177 USPQ 396 (CCPA 1973). From MPEP 2163: "It is now well accepted that a satisfactory description may be in the claims or in any other portion of the originally filed specification."

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This application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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